

STRATEGIC PLAN NEVADA RURAL HEALTH CARE
STATUS OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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	Goal 1: Create an ongoing mechanism for planning and coordination of rural health care.		
1	a. Establish and maintain a quasi-governmental board for rural health planning and coordination.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure board to take advantage of existing rural health care expertise• Establish board as a partnership of public and private interests• Create board goals to encompass broad planning, system coordination and resources, and support for public policy decision making
	b. Facilitate information integration on a statewide basis.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institute a centralized data collection and outcome measurement system for Nevada’s health care systems that serve rural and underserved areas• Support the development of technology capabilities for shared accounting, purchasing, and billing• Support communication/supervision of health care personnel utilizing technology• Implement centralized patient records by community or region as appropriate• Allow inter-state licensing of providers• Foster Medicaid’s ability to accept electronic transactions for eligibility, authorization, and payment

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	GOAL 2: Enhance rural physical health primary care model		
1.	a. Maintain sufficient primary care workforce base		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add needed primary care workforce• Continue to support and fund UNSOM’s commitment to rural health care• Resolve pending J1 Visa problems and increase available slots for rural communities• Encourage rural counties to implement property tax credits for needed professionals• Support continued effort through AHEC to develop the rural health care workforce• Increase emphasis on training of local residents• Initiate high school recruitment efforts for prospective health care professionals• Expand the Nevada Health Service Corp to include dentists, dental hygienists, nurses, and EMS personnel• Expand support to the WICHE and HCAP programs for scholarship assistance• Utilize Millennium Scholarships for training of health professionals• Improve utilization and expand scopes of practice of mid-level providers• Reduce administrative barriers and facilitate coordination among State licensing boards
	b. Implement existing plan to address nursing shortage		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand nursing programs at universities and community colleges• Coordinate with and support efforts of Nevada nursing task force• Allow flexible scopes of practice for all patient caregivers• Work to eliminate boundary issues among community colleges so that State residents can participate in any available program at any institution and through distance learning programs

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	c. Improve dental care services and access		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement dental license regulatory relief to increase supply• Expand scope of practice for and support local training of dental hygienists• Encourage dentists to see Medicaid patients through the provision of incentives such as student loan forgiveness• Create financial incentives and alternative delivery systems to serve rural populations• Support the role of AHEC in developing rural experiences for students• Fund rotations into rural communities for dental students (including hygienists)
	d. Increase overall efficiency and effectiveness of primary care		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate duplication and barriers between public, private, and tribal health services• Implement integrated facility models where viable• Expand schedule of State Mammovan
	e. Improve obstetrics services in rural communities		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make incentives for rural obstetrics providers a priority• Coordinate efforts with ORH/UNSOM on rural obstetrics initiative and support additional funding.• Foster telemedicine and other linkages with urban obstetricians/gynecologists to improve prenatal care• Provide education and support to enable community health nurses to provide prenatal care
	GOAL 3: Create long term viability in behavioral health, substance abuse, and support services		
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	GOAL 4: Improve service access and response capabilities		
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	GOAL 5: Invest in public and preventative health for long term benefits		
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	GOAL 6: Improve insurance coverage for uninsured and underinsured Nevadans		
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	GOAL 7: Develop adequate capital funding		

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	GOAL 8: Develop adequate operational funding		
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	GOAL 9: Ensure long term viability of rural health care facilities		
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	GOAL 10: Expand capacity to provide health care services within rural communities		
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	GOAL 11: Support maximum use of technology in rural communities		
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